

Remarks:

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay. The examiner has indicated that the case contains allowable subject matter.

The specification has been amended to eliminate some minor obvious errors. No new matter whatsoever has been added.

Claim 8, which originally depended via claim 7 on independent claim 1, and claim 14, which originally depended via claim 13 on independent claim 1, have been found to contain allowable subject matter. Accordingly this amendment inserts the subject matter of claims 1 and 7 into claim 8 and that of claims 1 and 13 into claim 14, making claims 8 and 14 independent and allowable.

No extra-claim fee is required because there are still less than four independent claims in the case.

The examiner has based the newest rejection on US 3,236,125 of Lundgren, but this reference has not been cited in a PTO-892. Enclosed herewith is a PTO-1449 making the necessary citation. The examiner is respectfully requested to initial it and enter it into the record.

Claim 1 has been amended to define the instant invention with somewhat greater particularity over the art. The claim now makes clear that the cartridge 13 is shiftable substantially only radially and the wedge 18 is shiftable substantially only axially. This feature was found critical by the European Patent Office as shown in the attached International Preliminary Examination Report and attached English translation of the allowed EP claims. The advantage of it is that it allows the tool holder to be made with many fewer parts so that it is less expensive and more reliable than the prior-art systems, such as epitomized by Lundgren.

More specifically, in Lundgren the cartridge 29 is shiftable in the seat 39 by the screw 40, which serves as stated in lines 58-59 of column 2 "for adjustment of the axial position of the holder." Thus claim 1 describes a different structure that achieves substantial advantages, so that a rejection under §102 or §103 on Lundgren is impossible.

Thus all of the claims in the case are in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If only minor problems that could be corrected by means of a telephone conference stand in the way of allowance of this

case, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned to make the necessary corrections.

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 English translation of EP claims
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